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COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE WYONG HOSPITAL



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medicare matters to me



Our two year old son Jude is one of the 30 children suffering from Cystic fibrosis who was in desperate need of the lifesaving medication Kalydeco. After the heartbreaking decision last year to defer listing of the drug on the PBS, we contacted Emma McBride MP and told her our story.

Emma advocated on behalf of our family and brought this matter to the attention of members of parliament, as well as personally attending a rally at parliament house in support of life saving drugs for Cystic fibrosis sufferers.

On the day of the rally it was announced that Kalydeco would be listed on the PBS. Our family will be forever grateful to Emma and her wonderful team.

CARON, MATTHEW & JUDE

It was after weeks of frustration with a large Medicare claim that we sought the assistance of Emma McBride to help us sort out the utter mess Medicare has been reduced to. Emma assisted us through the Medicare claims rigmarole. We have met a lot of people, just like us, who have are having the same difficulties with Medicare.

Thank you Emma for caring for the people in your electorate and taking up the challenge to draw attention to the impact that reducing Medicare services is having on the average person.

JIM & GAYLE



Medicare Taskforce



Medicare Taskforce Fast Facts

- ▶ Patients are waiting months for Medicare rebates and facing increased out of pocket costs.
- ▶ The Medicare rebate freeze is having a major impact on services.
- ▶ Around 15,000 people on the Central Coast delay seeing a GP because of the cost.
- ▶ Over 30,000 people delay or avoid filling prescriptions due to the cost.

Tacoma PS Leafy Leaders

Students at Tacoma Public School have been busy digging, planting, weeding, watering and eating fresh fruit and vegetables from their garden.



This is a great way to learn about the environment and enjoy healthy food.

The 'Leafy Leader' award recognises students' participation in the green teams.



Create your own **KITCHEN GARDEN CLASSROOM!** DOES YOUR SCHOOL HAVE A THRIVING KITCHEN GARDEN? WOULD YOU LIKE TO START ONE?

I am supporting local schools to plant and grow kitchen garden classrooms. Simply tell me in 250 words or less how a school garden helps you learn for the chance to win some great prizes. Don't forget to include a photo!

1ST PRIZE: Joining fee & 12-month membership to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classroom (valued at \$275)

2ND PRIZE: Kitchen Garden Educators Pack (valued at \$95)

3RD PRIZE: Getting Started, A Guide to Establishing a Kitchen Garden Program (valued at \$50)



Name: _____ School: _____

Principal: _____ Phone/Email: _____

Attach this form to your entry. Entries close 31 May 2017.

All entries must be endorsed by your school principal. Submissions accepted from students, staff and P&C members.

SEND YOUR ENTRY TO: Emma McBride MP, PO Box 3763, Tuggerah NSW 2259

Wyong Hospital

I worked at Wyong Hospital for almost 10 years. It's a busy hospital and staff work hard.

The NSW Government's plan to privatise Wyong Hospital is bad news for patients, health workers and the Central Coast.

Wyong Hospital was built by the community, for the community. Many local people and community groups fundraised for years to support its construction.

Health is the biggest employer on the Central Coast. The federal government has a direct stake in Wyong Hospital. Last year, around \$111 million in federal funding was provided to the Central Coast Local Health District.

Emma McBride



Our voices must be heard



SAVE WYONG HOSPITAL

Each day someone tells me how important Wyong Hospital is to them.

This letter from Chloe, a Year 3 student, touched me.


Join Chloe and let me know what Wyong Hospital means to you.

Every letter, every email and every picture sends a message that Wyong Hospital matters to our community.



Emma and Chloe.

Hi my name is Chloe i am 8 years old I live in Long Jetty. My experiences of wyong hospital is very good Our hospital has helped my family when we have had ~~problems~~ ^{problems}. I have visited my mum, uncles, aunts and grandmothers. The nurses were nice and I liked them taking care of ~~my~~ ^{all} my family. When they sell it my family and friend could suffer. Emma please don't let them sell our hospital.

by Chloe 

BROOKE AVENUE

Buddy Bears

When you see a purple bear or vest at Brooke Avenue PS you have a friend nearby.

The 'Better Buddies' program pairs Kindergarten students with Year 4 buddies who support them during their early years.

It is my pleasure to contribute the buddy bears for this program, supporting childrens' wellbeing.



SAY THANK YOU TO A NURSE ON International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day is celebrated on 12 May, marking the birth of Florence Nightingale.



This year, I'll be presenting the Wyong Hospital Nurse of the Year Award to recognise an outstanding nurse in our community.

As part of the celebrations, I want to share stories of nurses who have made a difference on the Central Coast.

Nurses will be recognised in Parliament and receive a copy of my speech.

Please send your story to
PO BOX 3763, Tuggerah NSW 2259
OR emma.mcbride.mp@aph.gov.au
SUBMISSIONS CLOSE 12 MAY 2017.

Save THE DATE!

5 JUNE 2017

Grant workshop

I'll be hosting a free grant workshop for local community groups.

 **4353 0127**

 emma.mcbride.mp@aph.gov.au

TO REGISTER FOR THIS WORKSHOP

Meet ME AT MY

MOBILE OFFICES

UPCOMING LOCATIONS:

- ▶ Wamberal
- ▶ Long Jetty
- ▶ Berkeley Vale
- ▶ Norah Head
- ▶ Wyoming
- ▶ Hamlyn Terrace
- ▶ Killarney Vale
- ▶ Chittaway Bay
- ▶ Kanwal

How can I help you?

- ▶ Do you have a Centrelink, Medicare or Immigration matter that you need help with?
- ▶ Are you celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary? For milestone occasions, I can organise messages from the Prime Minister, Governor General and, in some instances, the Queen.
- ▶ Does your school or community organisation need an Australian, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flag?



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Tuggerah (opposite Bunnings).